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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Christophe P.G. Gerald, et al.
Serial No.: 09/866,248 Examiner: J. F. Murphy
Filed: May 25, 2001 Group Art Unit: 1646
For: DNA ENCODING MAMMALIAN NEUROPEPTIDE FF (NPFF)
RECEPTORS AND USES THEREOF

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June 25, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO JUNE 4, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

This Response is submitted in reply to the June 4, 2004 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 4, 2004 Office Action is due July 4, 2004. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. §121

On page 2 of the November 17, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner to whom the subject application is assigned required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following allegedly independent and distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 183-191, drawn to a process for preparing an agonist or antagonist of the rat NPFF1 receptor of SEQ ID NO:2, ATCC Deposit Number 203184, classified in class 435, subclass 7.2;
- II. Claims 183-191, drawn to a process for preparing an agonist

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or antagonist of the human NPFF1 receptor of SEQ ID NO:4,
ATCC Deposit Number 203183, classified in class 435,
subclass 7.2;

III. Claims 183-191, drawn to a process for preparing an agonist
or antagonist of the human NPFF2 receptor of SEQ ID NO:6,
ATCC Deposit Number 203255, classified in class 435,
subclass 7.2;

IV. Claims 183-191, drawn to a process for preparing an agonist
or antagonist of the human NPFF1 receptor of SEQ ID NO:8,
ATCC Deposit Number 203605, classified in class 435,
subclass 7.2.

In response to this restriction requirement, applicants elect,
without traverse, Group III, i.e. claims 183-191 directed to a
process for preparing an agonist or antagonist of the human NPFF2
receptor.

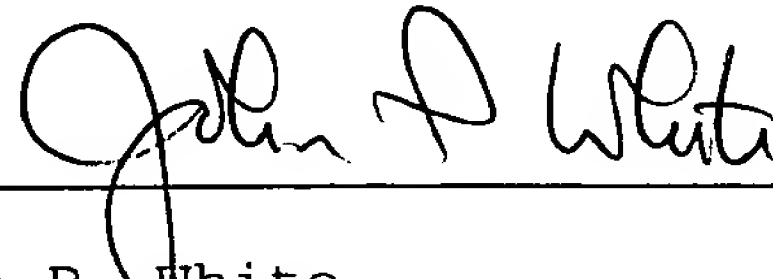
Applicants maintain that claims 183-191 define a single inventive
concept and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and
withdraw his restriction requirement and examine claims 183-191
as to all four Groups, and at a minimum as to at least Group IV
as well as elected Group IV.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing
prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned
attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number
provided below.

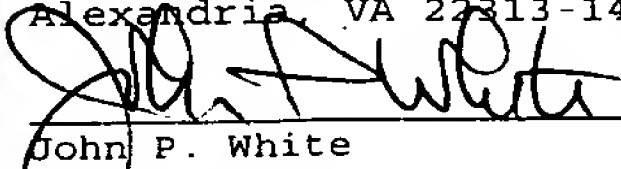
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No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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